

*Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Supplemental Environmental Projects*

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Name of Organization: Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resources Conservation District

Location: City and County: San Luis Obispo County and southeastern Monterey County

Typical Range of Project Costs: \$5,000 - \$500,000

Brief description of types of projects our organization does (Project Summary Description):

The Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resources Conservation District (US-LT RCD) serves a special district within the Central Coast made up of approximately 2,300 square miles that spans both San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties. The US-LT RCD was formed by landowner initiative over 50 years ago. We provide design technical services, project implementation, permit coordination and educational outreach for the general public, landowners and public agencies. Our projects that reduce soil erosion and improving water quality in urban and agricultural lands will implement the strategies of the Upper Salinas River Watershed Action Plan (WAP), a comprehensive plan prepared by the US-LT RCD in partnership with community-based organizations and local and regional resource agencies. Within the County of San Luis Obispo, we work directly with the Cities of Atascadero and Paso Robles, as well as with local unincorporated communities in northern San Luis Obispo County in cooperative projects to implement WAP goals and objectives.

WAP objectives includes work with landowners and others in the agricultural community to meet educational needs and to provide technical assistance to design and implement projects to achieve best practices; and, development of educational programs to help inform both public and resource user groups about measures that improve environmental conditions in the Upper Salinas Watershed. Priority issues include measures to address habitat restoration for land and marine species; protection of critical habitat resources including repairing of creek channels and restoring native riparian vegetation; actions to reduce pollutants such as excessive sediments, mercury, fertilizers and pesticides.

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